

Bristol, May 29. 1851

My dear Mr. May.

We have endeavoured to keep you as much informed as possible of the progress of the move commenced by the M. Advertiser article last Feb? Last week I sent you (Mr. G.) a Patriot & which you would find very rich. Poor Mr. Chubbuck of Maine cuts a sorry figure. Another Patriot, that of 26<sup>th</sup> has a letter to the Editor justifying the most stringent censure of resolutions to Gen. McKim. All the orthodox dissenting newspapers have now a. l. & anti Ministerial articles. Our body remains as dead & apathetic as ever, & I despair of any action, though I will not give up effort. Mr. Montgomery (U. Min. of Jamaica, brother to an old opponent of yours; "protection" a some such assumed name) & Mr. Madge say, Dr. Dewey & the welcome to their party! I send you last week's Trif where you will see the Resol. of our Bristol Cong? This is one of the moves we made in consequence of our defeat at Brewster. The Res? have been transmitted to Mr. Tappan, but no answer. I mean to be in London on the 11<sup>th</sup>. If the "U. Ass?" will but recognize such an evil as Am. Slavery it would be something.

You will see the first of (I presume) several letters of R. Carpenter in the Trif now sent. I believe he thinks he is speaking out for truth & justice, - but his course is certainly ill. Allen Craft says "Mr. C. is doing great mischief. I heard of his opinions in palliation of Newber's case, continually quoted. The Co. positively contradicted one of his statements - that "he saw in St. Helena's Camp" the white & col. people receiving the sacrament at the same time & place together. On inquiry, - the time & place were the same, but the col. people were separated from the white & drunk out of a different cup!! The Craft had a long



conversation with R.C. & were greatly distressed at what he  
said. I think Miss C. is a little ashamed of him: not so  
the other ladies. Miss C. writing to you I suspect is to con-  
fess some difference from her brother's views. Philip,  
of Warrington, the younger brother, is sound enough. I  
in due a ~~letter~~ preached at his Chapel lately. Miss C. has given  
us D. Gannett since his last sermon.

The Crafts have not yet finally left us. Brown & Brown  
on their way to London. Ellen comes back to us from Bath  
to-day, <sup>to stay</sup> while Brown is getting a place for them & her in London.  
Ellen will probably accompany us to London on the 6<sup>th</sup>  
of June to rejoin her husband; I am writing to Lady  
Byron about them. We have now seen a great deal of  
W. L. and in no respect do we admire them less than  
we did. Their future plans are not easily settled. <sup>The Crafts</sup> I shall consult with Mrs Chapman & party. They are  
doing a vast amount of C. S. work. Our friends here cannot  
appreciate their actual position & past experience, & talk  
about Ellen's danger of being spoiled &c. &c.

Our struggle with Scoble & the B. F. C. S. is  
gradually ripening. Scoble's abuse of Mr. G. is in-  
cessant, always understood. A sure passport to  
the patronage of the London Society to a colored man,  
is the profession of "decided piety," & abuse of Garrison.  
Dr. Parnington & Father Benson are too precious & re-  
sponsible of their discretion. Gannett & Hulme is  
respectable in moral conduct: but he abuses Mr. G. & the  
Am. C. S. Soc. & tries to damage Douglass by telling the  
silly ones that F. D. is not a Christian.

My daughter will supply what time will not allow  
of my writing. Ever sincerely yours J. B. Estlin.



that you may see what we requested them to do, but <sup>no</sup> hope of their even recognizing, unless the fear of some more ultra proposition being introduced at the meeting by <sup>one</sup> of the "Monomaniacs" of this city compels them to say something which will prevent the disturbance. We are found great fault with for the "inquisitorial" nature of our anti-proslavery-clergy-statement, & assured we should have done much more good by giving sufficient latitude to secure four times the number of sympathizers in it. But we continue unconvinced of the greater or equal efficacy of treating the question in this vague way, & are consoled by the sanction you give to our course in your "Right Action" article. We may I fear fall as <sup>far</sup> short of what our American friends would demand in the "stringency" & vehemence of our denunciation, as we exceed what our apathetic English critics consider the bounds of charity. Miss Weston pronounces the Resolution of the Congregational Union a "milk & water" product. We are rejoicing in it as being very decided & <sup>appointed</sup> well adapted to the occasion; & Miss Tribe & I were, <sup>growing</sup> somewhat elated at the good result of our having furnished 250 dissenting ministers with "clerical teachings" & the resolutions of our Committee & public Antislavery Meeting, & other documents. Having in addition officially requested the Secretaries of 64 Congregational & 24 Baptist Unions, to lay the matter before their districts & their general Associations! We are promising ourselves a full discussion of the modes of action best adapted to the Antislavery politics & parties of this country with Mr Chapman & Miss Weston. My attempts to explain our position in writing quite fail to convince the latter that the <sup>only</sup> mode of dealing with New Organiza-



2<sup>nd</sup> - Resolution of the Leominster Inland Congregational Meeting

That this Congregation would respectfully but earnestly solicit the Committee of the British & Foreign Unitarian Association to embrace the occasion afforded by the annual meeting in June for testifying the ~~great~~ sorrow which other religious bodies have emphatically expressed at the present attitude of the Slavery question in America, & especially at the countenance it is receiving from the churches of the land; and further, to take such steps <sup>they</sup> as may deem most expedient, for appealing to their brethren in the United States to redeem the honor of our Unitarian name by henceforth dedicating the weight of their influence to the overthrow of that debasing institution which so deeply sullies their nation's fame."

here is <sup>not</sup> the same open unsparring denunciation which  
 the cause demands in America. Here ignorance  
 of the facts & history of the movement prevent its being  
 self evident to ~~the~~<sup>our</sup> out of 100 people that New & Old orga-  
 nization are antagonistic, that, light & truth being with  
 the one, darkness & treachery are consequently with the  
 other. They get their antislavery information second  
 hand, & are willing pupils in proportion to the suppo-  
 soundness in theology of their teachers; so our assertions  
 go for nothing or much worse, until we can back  
 them with proofs. In the hope of the time for this ar-  
 riving we have <sup>long</sup> been silently watching the course of  
 events, & now, finding Pennington & Scoble & Co, exposing  
 themselves we hope the opening is at hand for striking  
 with effect. I wish there were time & space to enlarge on  
 other themes, but I must be brief. We are very sorry to have  
 neglected Mr W. H. Channing, J. F. Clark, Stone, & Longfellow,  
 in our tribute of respect & gratitude to the faithful preachers  
 of Unitarian Christianity, & wish you would atone for it by letting  
 them know when you have opportunity that we have re-  
 turned to a consciousness of our delinquency. I believe  
 requested you in a former letter to make inquiries about the A.  
 Standard which was ordered some time since to be sent to  
 "Miss Tribe, Kingsdown, Bristol," & the year's subscription for it  
 paid to Mr Webb in February? The ladies are very clamorous at  
 its non appearance & hold me responsible for the delay. We are ge-  
 nerally full of workers, I hope, here, who have worked their own way  
 to light, & it is a comfort to have every dissenting minister in the town  
 as ultra in his intentions & broad all to his American brethren as our-